

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 PARAMA 00471 182010Z

60

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 PM-07 L-03 NSC-10 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01

SPC-03 EB-11 COME-00 TRSE-00 AGR-20 DRC-01 /132 W

----- 034577

R 181340Z DEC 73

FM AMCONSUL PARAMARIBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1518

INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMCONSUL CURACAO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 0471

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, NS

SUBJ: NEW LEGISLATURE SEATED

REF: PARAMARIBO 0437

1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH THE NEWLY ELECTED STATEN HAS BEEN SEATED, A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED. GOVERNMENT FORMATUER ARRON SHOULD HAVE HIS NEW CABINET READY FOR UNVEILING BY DECEMBER 24. A BY PRODUCT OF CABINET FORMATION MANEUVERS MAY BE INCREASED PNR INFLUENCE IN THE STATEN. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 15 NEWLY ELECTED STATEN WAS OFFICALLY SEATED TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF JUBILANT DEMONSTRATIONS BY NPK SUPPORTERS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. THE RULING NPK COALITION MADE PUBLIC ITS FIRST DECISION BY APPOINTING OLTON VAN GENDEREN, NPS, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATEN AND EMILE WIJNTUIN, PSV, AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

3. GOVERNMENT-FORMATUER HENK ARRON IS EXPECTED TO WIND UP HIS CONSULTATIONS BY DECEMBER 19 AND TO HAVE A GOVERNMENT FORMED BY DECEMBER 24. ARRON HAS INCURRED SOME UNFAVORABLE PRESS AND OTHER COMMENT BY WHAT MANY SEE AS INORDINATE DELAY IN
CONFIDENTIAL
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARAMA 00471 182010Z

FORMING GOVERNMENT WHILE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BECOME MORE ACUTE IN THE ABSENCE OF AUTHORITATIVE GOVERNMENT ACTION. THERE

STILL NO COORDINATED FUEL CONSERVATION PROGRAM HERE DESPITE ANNOUNCED 30 PERCENT CUT IN SURINAM'S FUEL SUPPLIES. ALSO, IN PAST FEW DAYS PRICES OF BREAD AND BUS FARES HAVE GONE UP, WHILE JUST ANNOUNCED 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN SUGAR PRICE WILL HAVE IMPACT ON PRICE OF SOFT DRINKS AND OTHER PRODUCTS HEAVILY CONSUMED BY AVERAGE SURINAMER, WHO IS POSSESSED OF A VERY SWEET TOOTH.

4. BESIDES ARRON'S METICULOUS AND EXHAUSTIVE SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS, AN IMPORTANT CAUSE OF DELAY WAS QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WITH VAN GENDEREN WHO, TOGETHER WITH ARRON, IS SORT OF CO-REGENT OF NPS. VAN GENDEREN WANTED MINISTRY OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT BUT SINCE THIS WAS ALREADY EARMARKED HE NEXT CLAIMED CHAIRMANSHIP OF STATEN, JOB HE HELD *NDER PENGEL GOVERNMENT. AT THIS PNR CHAIRMAN BRUMA OBJECTED THAT THAT WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS TWO MOST STRATEGIC POSTS IN GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTERSHIP AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF STATEN WERE GOING TO NPS; IF NPS GOT STATEN CHAIRMANSHIP, SAID BRUMA, THEN PNR WOULD HAVE A CLAIM ON THE *REMIERSHIP. AS A RESULT, A COMPROMISE WAS WORKED OUT ACCORDING TO WHICH VAN GENDEREN WILL STEP DOWN AFTER ONE YEAR AND THE STATEN CHAIRMANSHIP WILL GO TO A PNR MAN.

5. ANOTHER PROBABLE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN PUTTING TOGETHER A CABINET IS THE FORTUITOUS CIRCUMSTANCE THAT SEVERAL MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES WHO ARE STATEN MEMBERS ARE DUE TO BE SUCCEEDED IN THE STATEN BY PNR MEN WHO WERE RUNNERS-UP ON THE JOINT NPK CANDIDATES LIST. WITH FOUR STATEN SEATS THE PNR IS ALREADY THE SECOND LARGEST NPK-BLOC PARTY IN THE STATEN AND ARRON REPORTEDLY IS ANXIOUS THAT IT NOT GROW LARGER. THE OUTCOME SHOULD BE APPARENT WITHIN A WEEK.
JOHNSTON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CABINET, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, COST OF LIVING, GOVERNMENT REFORM, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE, FORM OF GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS, MEETINGS, PARTY FACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: hilburpw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973PARAMA00471
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: PARAMARIBO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731218/aaaaangp.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: PARAMARIBO 0437
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hilburpw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23-Jan-2002 by martinjw>; APPROVED <13 FEB 2002 by hilburpw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NEW LEGISLATURE SEATED
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, NS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005